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DIGEST

Present law provides for a juvenile placement review process to improve the juvenile justice system and determine whether juveniles placed in the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) are placed in an environment appropriate to their needs and consistent with the circumstances of the case and the protection and the best interest of society.

Proposed law provides that present law provisions relative to the juvenile placement review process are null, void, and of no effect after June 30, 2011.

Present law provides for the closure of Jetson Center for Youth-East Baton Rouge Parish, a facility for juveniles, by June 30, 2009.

Proposed law provides that Jetson Center for Youth shall be converted into a regional treatment facility and renamed the Capital Area Center for Youth. The design will limit the number of youths per dorm, and the facilities must have a therapeutic setting.

Present law requires the DPS&C, office of juvenile justice to develop a comprehensive plan for transition of youth based upon health, safety, and best interest of each child and the protection and public safety of society. Provides that such plan shall include recommendations for implementation and funding for three regional youth centers, a comprehensive needs assessment and operating procedures.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that after January 1, 2009, and every month thereafter until Jetson is discontinued as a juvenile facility, DPS&C must submit a status report to the Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission detailing the total number of youths in the facility, the number transitioned out of the facility and the facility to which the child was transferred, and the number of youths placed in the facility and the reason for the placement.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the reporting requirement on the number of children transitioned out of the facility, where the child was transferred, and the number of children placed in the facility.

Proposed law provides that present law provisions regarding the conversion of Jetson Center to a regional treatment facility are null, void, and of no effect after June 30, 2011.

Effective August 15, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 15:902.3(A) and 902.4(A), (B), and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill.

1. Maintains present law requirement of DPS&C, office of juvenile justice to develop a comprehensive plan.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Adds requirement that the provisions regarding juvenile placement review and the conversion to a regional facility are null, void, and of no effect after June 30, 2011.